(2) The Chief Executive shall be the principal administrative officer of the Taupo District Council.

### 236 FUNCTIONS, DUTIES, AND POWERS

The functions, duties, and powers of the Taupo District Council shall be:

- (a) The functions, duties, and powers of a territorial authority under—
  - (i) The Local Government Act 1974; and
  - (ii) Any other public Act relating to the Taupo District Council or any of the former authorities; and
  - (iii) Any local Act relating to the Taupo District Council or any of the former authorities: and
- (b) The functions, duties, and powers of an administering body under the Reserves Act 1977 in respect of the reserves being administered by the former authorities immediately before the coming into force of this clause.

### 237 ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS

The administration headquarters of the Taupo District Council shall be located in Taupo.

## 238 SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRES

The Taupo District Council shall, at least until the 1st day of November 1995, establish and maintain a service delivery centre in Turangi and in Mangakino, in accordance with the provisions of the Third Schedule to this order.

#### 239 COMMUNITIES

- (1) There is hereby constituted a community for each of the following:
- (a) The area of the Turangi Ward and the Tongariro Ward, to be known as "The Turangi Community"; and
- (b) The area of the Mangakino Ward and the Pouakani Ward, to be known as "The Mangakino Community".
- (2) The community board for the Turangi Community shall consist of:
- (a) Four members elected by the electors of the Turangi Ward; and
- (b) Two members elected by the electors of the Tongariro Ward; and
- (c) The persons elected from time to time as members of the Taupo District Council, representing the wards comprising the area of the community, and appointed by the Taupo District Council to the community board.
- (3) The community board for the Mangakino Community shall consist of:
- (a) Two members elected by the electors of the  $Mangakino\ Ward;$  and
- (b) Four members elected by the electors of the Pouakani Ward; and  $\,$
- (c) The persons elected from time to time as members of the Taupo District Council, representing the wards comprising the area of the community, and appointed by the Taupo District Council to the community board.

# 240 RATING

- (1) The system of rating in the Taupo District shall be the land value system.
- (2) Until the Valuer-General is able to produce a valuation roll for the Taupo District, Part XIV of the Rating Powers Act 1988 shall apply as if the Taupo District was the district of a special purpose authority and the areas from which it was formed were constituent districts.

#### 241 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

(1) The Taupo District Council shall not be required to prepare a new district scheme, immediately, for the Taupo District.

- (2) The operative district schemes and the proposed district schemes under the Town and Country Planning Act 1977 of the former authorities shall be deemed to be the operative district scheme or, as the case may be, the proposed district scheme, of the Taupo District.
- (3) Where any former authority had, prior to its dissolution, begun the preparation of any review of its district scheme or of any change or variation thereof, then, subject to any resolution of the Taupo District Council to the contrary, all such preparation shall be deemed to have been done by, or on behalf of, the Taupo District Council and may be adopted and acted upon by it.
- (4) Where before the coming into force of this clause any application had been made to any former authority by any person pursuant to any provision of the Town and Country Planning Act 1977, and:
- (a) No hearing by that former authority or any committee thereof had begun of such application or any objection thereto, the application shall be deemed to have been made to the Taupo District Council and shall be dealt with by it accordingly; or
- (b) Such application had been heard or otherwise disposed of by that former authority and either the time for any appeal against such decision had not expired or notice of appeal had been given, any such appeal shall be deemed to be against the Taupo District Council; or
- (c) Such application had been either partly or fully heard or considered by that former authority but no decision thereon had been given, the application shall be heard or considered again by the Taupo District Council or, as the case may require, a committee or delegate thereof.

# 242 CIVIL DEFENCE

The operative local civil defence plans for the districts of the former authorities shall continue in force in the respective parts of the Taupo District until a new plan is approved for the Taupo District, in accordance with the Civil Defence Act 1983.

# 243 VESTING OF PROPERTY

- (1) All property, real and personal, vested in the corporation of any former authority and situated in the Taupo District is hereby vested in the corporation of the Taupo District Council, subject to all existing encumbrances.
- (2) All property, real and personal, vested in the corporation of the former Taupo District Council and situated in a district in which that Council is not also a former authority, is hereby vested in the corporation of the Taupo District Council, subject to all existing encumbrances.

## 244 TITLE TO PROPERTY

Any reference, express or implied, to any former authority in any instrument or other document, or in any entry or record made in any register in relation to any property vested in the Taupo District Council by clause 243 of this order shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be read as a reference to "The Taupo District Council".

# PART XIII

## General

# 245 TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this order, a local authority constituted by this order shall, in respect of the district of that local authority:
- (a) Have and may exercise and be responsible for all the powers, duties, acts of authority and functions which were previously exercised, or which could have been so exercised, by the former authorities had they not been dissolved; and
- (b) Have and may exercise and be responsible for all liabilities, obligations, engagements and contracts which